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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Examiner's Action mailed on March 19, 2006, the aboveidentified patent application is amended as follows. Applicants have elected to present the amendment using the revised amendment format set forth in the waiver of 37 CFR 1.121.

<u>AMENDMENT AF</u> (37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

Amendments to the claims begin of page 2 of this paper.

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